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The Prophetic example

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(The people stood up for him, when he entered the Masjid, he said, “I do not deserve to be stood up for.”)

I didn’t expect a full house, I was expecting a few students

May Allah Subhanu wa ta’ala reward you for listening to someone who should be listening

When I am given the option – I chose to listen, especially to knowledge or wisdom

In order to understand him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) one needs to delve into his life and to those closest to him - the people of his household and some companions

I sometimes ponder about the Hadith of Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her), in the chapter of the beginning of revelation in Bukhari (see other lectures)

Who where is his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) household?

There is an example of someone who was with him, in his daily life, someone who served him for ten years

Anis ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “I served him for ten years and he never said, for anything, I did, why did you do like this and not for anything that I didn’t do. I have never touched any silk or mixed fabric that was softer than the palm of the Messenger of Allah.”

Umm Anis (his mother) brought the most precious thing she had, her son. When he arrived in Medina

There is an Arab saying, “Our children are like walking livers on the earth.”

She had nothing but her son to give.

He (Anis) was 10 years old at the time

She requested some supplication/dua from him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Why? Because his supplication is than the whole world – his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) supplication is answered

He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) supplicated for him and many other companions (may Allah be pleased with them)

This is the proof of the immense blessing of it

Anis (may Allah be pleased with him) served him for ten years, aged one hundred, he was in full health, he said that the blessing of the supplication of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has surrounded him

If he would go the Masjid, one hundred children would accompany him

His plantations would give two harvests a year – because of the supplication

Why did he serve him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)? Was he a king? No. Money? No

Everyone gives what they have

We warn students not to approach politicians, they want to give you positions, in return they want something from your religion

When you serve students of knowledge you get their supplications

When judges are given positions they are asked to remain silent when their employers transgress

There is no Prophet after him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) anyone who claims this has a proof against them in the world and hereafter

You are familiar with Ahmed ghulam qadiyan and where he died

What do you get when you serve a scholar? Your children are given openings to study

Abdullah ibn Zubair was the first born in Medina

Yusuf ibn Abdullah ibn Salam was born in 8 a.h, they both had the blessing of the saliva of the chewed date in their mouths, Tahniq was performed by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) for these and other children

Musalama Al-Khadab copied the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Musalama would wipe over children's hair – their hair would fall out and he would perform the chewed date act but the children grew up with speech impediments

The legacy of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is knowledge

The Ulema are inheritors of the Prophets (upon them peace)

There hasn't been a generation without one of his children being a scholar

There are still offspring of Anis (may Allah be pleased with him) in Syria and some of them are scholars

My present wife is from his offspring, may Allah bless my wife who passed away

No one will serve scholars except that they become scholars, if they are young enough or their children will become scholars

If you want to support the religion then honour the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) – this is the best way to honour the religion

If you looked into people libraries what would you find? As-Shifa, Dalial Al-Kharat and Burda

Now you find books on jihad, Sahih Bukhari and modern Islamic thought

When he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was the core of our lives, we were in a good state

How do you follow him? Maintain darood sharif/salawat/prayers upon him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), then you will attain his character

In so much as you are sincere

Shiekh Ahmed Hibbans Sheikh Arif Uthman who initiated the first invoking session upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and then this spread in Damascus. Sheikh Ahmed is a leader of the current sessions

Badr-udeen Al-Hassani secret to why he became such a scholar, was that he maintained salawat upon the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He was one of the greatest scholars of the modern age, when he was asked a question he would point out the book and ask a student to read the answer

We all want to take on his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) character

Ibn Arabi (may Allah show him mercy) said, "The good state of this nation unless they turn to the Prophet and the weakness of this nation is when they turn away from him." (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

People now go on demonstrations

In the past people would gather in the Masjid and read Sahih Bukhari and then supplicate and they were given victory

No wonder we now have what they call terrorism

We don't have terrorism in Islam

One of the derivatives of the word terror is the word deter, Islam came to stop terror, to deter terror

People used to have the love of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) running in their blood

They supported him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with all they had

There was a female companion whose brothers, husband and son was killed and the only thing she was concerned about was the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). When she was knew he was okay, she wanted to see him and she said, "Every calamity other than you is insignificant."

Abu Bakr's real name was Abdullah and his father was called Uthman – his nickname was Abu Kuhfa (may Allah be pleased with them)

His (Abu Bakr) son Abdul Rahman had a shot at him at the battle of Badr and he avoided him. When Abu Bakr heard this he said, "If I had one shot at you, I wouldn't have avoided you."

Anis would not divulge secrets, this where the root secretary comes from Amin As-Sirr/keeper of secrets

A child as young as five can narrate Prophetic narrations

Itab ibn Husain was a governor of Mecca aged eighteen

Usama ibn Zayd was the commander of an army aged sixteen

Anis (may Allah be pleased with him) spend the best years of his life with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

He inherited some belongings, like a cup, shoes, hairs

He would allow his students to drink from the cup, when they were ill – it was a cure

Look at his character (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), you can hide your false character for some time but not long, Anis witnessed his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) great character over this time

It's hard to pretend over a long period of time, the natural character comes out

It's difficult to hide emotions

I was with my father from birth till he died when I was twenty-four and I never saw him complain about anything

Unless we were doing something wrong then he would tell us not to do it

We lived in an apartment, there was three room filled with books. Sheikh Ibrahim (may Allah have mercy upon him) would ask him for a book, Shiekh Muhammad would bring the wrong book and then he wouldn't say anything, would thank him. Wait a while and then bring the book himself

In every time there are people like the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Farazada an Ummayyad poet praised Zayn Al-Abideen (may Allah show him mercy) said , "He never said no except in his Tashahud, it is was there, would've said yes."

He has to say no, this is grandson, what about the Grandfather? (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would never say no, to which the companions would testify

When I am angry because of mistreatment, then my ego is there

The Messenger of God (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was purified, there was no traces of ego in him

In the truce of Huddaybiyah, he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) told the companions (may Allah be pleased with him) to remove the Ihram, he didn't say anything, because he was only angered for the sake of Allahs

Then when he went ahead they followed him

The Quran says don't say ouf to your parents, this is least harm you can do to them. Ouf is an noun of sound/Isim sawat in Arabic, it is an Ism fail Mudaria Tanzia – it the least expression of harm, meaning resentment

There was countless blackouts in Sham, they would have to light candles, Sheikh Ibrahim would not blow out the candles with the sound ouuff, he would say "ya Latif" "O' Gentle one."

This is the manners of the heirs

This is from a scholar of our time

What about the Messenger of God (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)?

So when Anis (may Allah be pleased with him) said that he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) didn't complain about anything he did, he meant it

There is nothing bad in his personality before or after the message (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

We can wear some clothes with mixed fabric including silk with some conditions

His (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) skin was softer than silk

We he asked if there was no food and when there wasn't, he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said he was fasting – because the day before he gave all he had away from altruism

He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was not poor and its an insult to call him such, he gave everything away for the sake of Allah Subhanu wa ta'ala

For two months he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had no cooked food in his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) house

Something is happening in this country, in the UK and people are honouring those who insulting the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) salman rushdie – he has persisted in his insults

Why are we doing nothing

Whilst the leader of the church of England is honouring

We are not terrorists but we can take revenge through supplications

Whats the result of multi faith dialogue? We should stop this because its has bore no fruit

Some people quote the hadith out of context, that Allah is happier with a persons repentance than a person who lost his camel, fell asleep and then found it at his head, then said. He said wrongly, "You are my slave, I am your lord."

The intention doesn't count when they insult the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

When people insult the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)- they are accountable for what they write and say

This is an insult, we have to respond

Muslims now react, we don't act

In politics there are red lines, things that people don't say or do

We have to show that there are red lines that shouldn't be crossed and this is one of them

If he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is alive in our hearts then we have to prove it

Make an effort, according to your rank

In your work, school – make people aware that this is an insult to him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Don't you love him? (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

All we have now is anger and complaint

How will we get his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) intercession when we don't follow his practice?

Make prayers upon him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) if you don't have anything to do

People speak about the weather in this county mostly grumbling - In summer it is hot and winter cold, how do you want Allah Subhanu wa ta'ala to please you?

We are reminded about him through his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) mention in the Tashahud and call to prayer

Our prayers are suspended without prayers upon him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Only when he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is brought into our lives will our lives change

Ibn Ata'llah (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "We need to be a nation of gratitude not grievance."

People need to show thankfulness, no matter how ill you are

Then we will change our condition by embracing his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) character

May Allah Subhanu wa ta'ala give us knowledge and practise

Then sincerity and devotion